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1. BE HONEST!

Are you:

☐ Under 12 ☐ 13 to 15 ☐ 16 to 18 ☐ 19 to 25 ☐ 26 to 35 ☐ Over 36

2. SPECIAL INTEREST

Are you: ☐ Male ☐ Female

3. CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON

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Is your system cassette loading only? Yes ☐ No ☐

4. A BIRD IN THE HAND...

Please indicate your level of interest (High, Medium, or Low) in the following sections of THIS issue...

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5. TIME FOR NOSTALGIA

Rate your interest as High, Medium, Low, or Don't Know (i.e. you didn't see the feature concerned) in the following features that have appeared in recent issues of ACE:

H M L Don't Know

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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Into the Maelstrom ...Mike Singleton talks...

6. YOUR PERSONAL, MOST INTIMATE HABITS...

Apart from games, do you use your micro for:

☐ Word Processing ☐ Business ☐ Graphics applications ☐ Musical applications

7. YOUR INNERMOST DESIRES...

What sort of games do you enjoy playing? Rate your interest in the following categories (High, Medium, or Low)

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8. NAME DROPPING

Name your favourite entertainment program:

9. HACKING HABITS

Do you: ☐ Program in BASIC or another high-level language
☐ Program in assembler ☐ Not program at all

10. THE CREATIVE BIT

In not less than one word, give us your comments on ACE together with any suggestions you might like us to consider. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary...

Post to: ACE Survey, 4 Queen Street, Bath BA1 1EJ

YOUR NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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To qualify for the prize draw, entries must reach us by 12th August 1988

You thought the Spectrum was dead? Then think again! Not only are ACE's readers firmly behind Uncle Clive's little beaut, but they're sick up to here with machine vs machine bigotry too.

Other burning issues of the month include software prices (are we getting ripped off?), disk drives (are they supposed to do that?) and most importantly of all, cricket (Owzat?!). There's more: should you bin your micro? should you use it as a doorstep?

But why not read 'em for yourself, and then tell us what you think: write to ACE letters, 4 Queen Street, Bath BA1 1EJ. There's fame, glory and software to be won, and all for the price of a stamp. Why not fill in the Questionnaire on page 100 while you're about it – and help us make ACE an even better mag!

● EA + FTL = ST F/A-18?

I cannot believe it, I have just finished reading your screen test of 'Interceptor' in issue ten of ACE. By the time I had finished I was drooling then Oh no!! What do I see, in the release box "no other versions planned". I cannot understand why E.A and FTL don't get together and swap some ideas about programming STs and Amigas. I mean there must be an almost equal number of Amiga owners out there drooling over Dungeon Master and that's a pretty big market by anyone's standards so come on ACE, try pulling some strings.

disgruntled ST owner.

**M.D. Collins
Basildon**

We'd love to see Amiga Oids or ST Interceptor, but pulling strings in Silicon Valley can be a bit difficult from this side of the Atlantic, even for the globe-trotting ACE team. The sad fact is, in the States both the ST and Amiga are minority machines living in the shadow of IBM compatibility. Many of the really great games they do get are produced by speciality houses with a particular fondness for one machine or the other, and aren't necessarily written with transfer in mind. Interceptor is a case in point, having been closely tailored to the Amiga's sound and graphics capabilities, so conversion to the ST might not be a picnic or give such impressive results. Still, I'm sure programmers on both sides of the Ocean will learn the valuable lesson it offers on blending realism and gameplay.

● WOT, NO TAPE?

Not for export, the cover on your June mag reads. I'm disappointed. All of a sudden ACE becomes selective towards its readers.

The overseas readers who are avid ACE fans, (they must be, for they are paying far too much for your mag) are left out when you start giving games away, but they all have got the ACE card!

Make up your minds down there. Let us in on everything or leave us out. You should do best if you take a look at other mags and let them teach you a lesson in overseas readers handling.

And if that doesn't work, well nothing is lost, really. You could rename yourself OFER (only for English readers) for instance. Because if there is one thing I – and

certainly a lot more overseas readers – can do without, it is an over-priced mag that was once good value, but once established became a pain in the ass.

**Eduard Bock
Delft, Netherlands**

We'd have loved to bring all you overseas readers Impossible Mission, Eduard, but unfortunately we didn't have much say in the matter. For copyright reasons we could only distribute the freebie cassette in the UK, so it was either that or abandon the give-away entirely. We let overseas ACE fans in on all the extras we can, but it'd be a shame if everyone missed out when we can give most of our readers such a good game.



ACE LETTERS



ST = SKODA?

I have just read the letter entitled 'Obliterated' in your July 1988 issue, and am writing to disagree most strongly with Greg Bowen, and with the review in ACE. I bought 'Obliterator' for my Amiga recently, and think it is simply the best game I have ever bought.

Everything about the game is superb, especially the sound, (although as Greg Bowen only owns a humble ST he probably was deprived in this area). As for the game being too easy to complete, I spent several evenings playing it, mapping it, and most importantly, enjoying it. I admit that I completed it quite easily, but surely that is the point. I always find that most games are far too difficult and I get bored before I complete them. The complaint that it was £25 and only took 4 hours to complete is ridiculous, many films on video cost at least that much and last only 2 hours. Attitudes like this are typical of ST owners, who seem to be interested in nothing except low prices.

While I am on the subject of the Atari ST, I would like to comment on the latest bribe being offered by Atari to get people to buy ST's. Twenty-two free games with every ST sold. 'There's no catch' says the advert. B*****! What about the £100 increase in price? If that's not a catch I don't know what is. I can't really blame Atari though, this price increase brings the ST right into the Amiga price bracket, and lets face it, who would buy an ST at the same price as an Amiga? It's like trying to sell a new Skoda at the same price as a new BMW by offering free petrol! No doubt all the people who will flock to take Atari up on this amazingly generous 'free' offer won't see it this way, but will they feel so pleased when they get bored with their free games? I doubt it.

Anyway, if you are still reading, thanks for putting up with my (rather biased) views. I won't be surprised if you can't risk offending all of those ST owners who read your magazine. I didn't include my name or address for similar reasons!

Sputnik

We at ACE reckon that everyone's entitled to their own opinion when it comes to games. That said, your liking for this particular Psygnosis offering is little short of mystifying. The sound may have been excellent but the animation was well below par for 16-bit machines and the controls were pretty poor too.

It's the gameplay bit that's really got me wondering though: if wanting more than 4 hours' play out of a £25 game is 'typical of ST users' then I'd say that makes them a pretty smart bunch. A typical film on video nowadays costs under £10, and should be worth watching at least half a dozen times at say 90-100 minutes a time. That works out at about £1 an hour, which is fair-ish value these days. Compare that to £6.25 an hour for Obliterator - assuming you won't want to play once you've completed the game - and the video really looks like a bargain. (Of course you could buy a tape of a film you only wanted to see once, but most people would hire instead at something like £1.50 to £2 for the evening, making it again around £1 an hour.)

We don't mind offending ST users or anyone else for that matter - what else are letters pages for? - but I don't really think you can get away with the Skoda/BMW comparison. Amiga games may have the edge on sound and the subtlety of the colours used, but otherwise they're typically very close to their ST counterparts.

WOT, NO GAMEPLAY?

My subject is the game **Carrier Command** and the apparent failure of reviewers to give a true picture of this game. Up to now I have been impressed with the coverage ACE has given of computer gaming, but I grow less content.

Let me explain exactly what I mean with reference to *Carrier Command*. It is on the face of it an excellent game, a worthy contender for the title 'Game of the Year'. But it is flawed in a very serious way,

NOT REALLY CRICKET

Many many years ago, I owned a C16 (argh!) and I started to buy 'Commodore User' but then, when seeing the 64 graphics I decided to upgrade it. Now though, I have a problem: should I stay faithful with CU which is getting more and more Amigarised by the minute or shall I turn over a new leaf and buy ACE with free games such as "Impossible Mission" and "Spindizzy"?

There is only one way to resolve it I thought to myself and loaded up "Graham Gooch's Test Cricket" Over now to Richie Benaud with the results: 1st Inns. CU: E Bishop top scoring with 10 with T Gilham taking 3 wickets, A Neal and S Meddings taking 2 each and A King with 5 superb catches. CU total 36 all out. 1st Inns ACE: A Smith top scoring with 51 with help from A Wilton scoring 37 and P Connor scoring 35.

ACE total 136 for 3 declared. 2nd Inns CU: M Pattenden top scoring with 10 with S Meddings taking 3 wickets, A Neal taking 2 and B Wade 4 in 1 over!

CU total 25 all out. ACE wins by an innings and 76 runs! Now I can rest with the

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knowledge that next month I will go out and buy the most wonderful magazine around with news, reviews, and hopefully more free games, ACE!

David Hart
Chelmsford

PS. Couldn't you spice up your front covers a bit?

Spice them up? Grrrr!!! T.Gilham is on his way over to Chelmsford right this minute, cricket bat in hand. As for beating CU in such convincing fashion, we put it down to getting a good night's rest before the match. (We don't want any 'Pete Connor's Steamy Secrets: Barmaid Reveals All' stories in The Sun now, do we!)

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unless of course I have missed something. My problem is the amount of time it takes for the carrier to get between islands, or rather the lack of anything to do while it sails. It can take five minutes to get between some islands, that's five minutes of blank empty seas. Now I play games to be entertained not bored. Yes I realise that real carriers do spend long boring hours cruising around but then I thought EPSILON was fantasy. Surely play testing would have revealed this problem with the game. So my plea is that reviews should look behind the surface gloss of games and examine the gameplay. Graphics and presentation are important but they are nothing without good gameplay.

Could the game not contain a time accelerator for those boring cruises?

So I ask for your comments, perhaps you do not agree with me and like the minutes of empty blue sea scape. For myself a game that lets me play it and write this letter at the same time can not be the classic you suggest it is.

Ian Black
Wantage

Two things immediately spring to mind here: first, are you hauling your drones in before setting sail? Failing to do so can slow you down a great deal. Second, are you sure you've got an up-to-date version of

the game? The tips you sent with your letter mention continually running out of fuel, one symptom of pre-production bugs already ironed out in the version we reviewed. You'd be well advised to contact Rainbird about this: with a superceded version you're short-changing yourself and the game. On the general point, rest assured that we play games very thoroughly indeed here. Though CC certainly does have plenty of surface gloss, there's a solid foundation of gameplay underneath that had us all enthralled. We're confident most gamers will agree with us if they've got the finished versions in front of them.

● DON'T SLING IT!

I haven't really got any major subject to write to you about, so I will cover several subjects in this letter (Make you earn your wages).

Firstly, a bit of advice. I would advise anyone thinking of upgrading to a 16-bit to keep their old computer, say Spectrum or C64. The reason for this is pretty obvious; it being the extortionate price of Amiga and ST software. At prices of £15 to £30 a time your software collection is not going to get too large, unless you resort to pirating, which will only end up in the prices increasing more often. Personally, I soon hope to be getting an Amiga, but will not be selling my old, faithful Spectrum 48K.

Talking of 16-bits what happened to the great price drops we were supposed to be seeing in early '88? The ST has gone up £100. a more localised point now, or maybe not? Living in Slough I have always enjoyed easy access to large amounts of software. We used to have three shops: Boots, WH Smiths and an independent software shop. Since about January of this year however, the indie shop has become business only, Smiths seems to only have oldish budget software and even Boots does not stock all the new titles. I have now taken to mail order buying, which is very cheap but usually involves waits for up to four weeks or more. What I would like to know, through your letters page, is whether this is a local problem or a larger scale one.

In the July issue the Editor, when replying to a letter from A White said that no version of GAC was available for the ST. In the June issue you carried a full review of STAC, which is precisely what the letter writer wanted. Doesn't the editor read his own magazine!!!

Lastly, please never compro-

mise to idiots who want rubbish like film reviews, garish cartoon covers etc etc, let them read the already plentiful amount of second rate magazines which do this.

**Patrick Walsh
Slough**

(Earn our wages? What cheek!) We'd certainly agree with you on keeping your old machine - many's the time I pine for the old Vic 20 and a quick blast on Spiders of Mars - but a lot of people just don't have the choice. If the only way you can upgrade is to sell your aged Spectrum or long-in-the-tooth C64 then it's just not an option open to you.

Read the magazine? I'm too busy writing it, mate!

*As for your last point, we don't know the meaning of the word compromise. (Where's that **** dictionary?)*

● DISK DRIVE DILEMMA

Please! Please print this letter my brain will be very unsettled about my Amiga 500. When I got my Amiga I thought the software was amazing, the sound incredible, but the disk drive extremely noisy. At first I took no notice of this because I thought all Amigas were like this until my friend bought an Amiga 500. SHOCK, HORROR his disk drive was quiet! Why is his disk drive quiet and mine not, and why does Sidewinder load on his com-

puter and loads on mine but the sprites flicker? Also do you know of anything or anywhere I could make my disk drive quiet? Please answer my letter because I am very concerned.

**Michael Griffiths
Stockport**

The disk drive noise probably isn't anything to worry about. Drives often vary in the amount of noise they make - we get the same thing here with STs - and in any case, a noisy Amiga drive seems to be the rule rather than the exception! (Pauses briefly to deal with sudden influx of hate mail from Amiga owners.) Oddly enough, experiments here at ACE show that you're not the only one with flicker problems on Sidewinder. While it runs fine on one of the two A500s in the building, it flickers dreadfully on the other. We asked Melbourne House/Mastertronic why this should be, but they couldn't come up with an explanation. Hmm...

● DISK DRIVE DELIGHT

On May 5th of this year I bought an Atari 520STFM from "Datanest" in Leicester for £279. Nothing strange you might say but, a couple of nights ago I decided to format a disk to double side to see what would happen. And guess what? It worked!

I then put over 500K worth of stuff on and all of it loaded back, no

problem. This has led me to the conclusion that I have a double sided disk drive which for a 520 must be pretty rare.

Do I possess a unique machine or does Atari often put double sided drives in a machine that's supposed to have a single sided drive?

Is there an easy way to see how much memory I have to see if I have to see if I have a 1040 in a 520 case?

I await your answers with interest.

**Mark Weston
Melton Mowbray**

The simple answer is that you do have a 520, it does have a double-sided drive, and this isn't at all unusual any more. Shortly before the unwelcome £100 price rise, Atari took the very sensible and thoroughly praiseworthy step of upgrading the 520's drive to 1040 standard, without actually telling anyone. Why the modesty about improving a machine they're suddenly charging more for anyway? Probably because the buying public has such a history of reacting badly to such things. Remember the flak Amstrad got when they ditched the 664 and started selling the far better 6128 - even though the 664 had been excellent value itself? Well, my guess is that Atari didn't feel like getting clobbered unfairly for 'letting down owners of old-style 520s'.

THAT'S ENOUGH BIGOTRY

Are you all sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin. First off congratulations on an attractive, well written interesting magazine. It knocks my previous monthly reading fodder into a cocked champagne.

Believe it or not (as the case may be) I'm not going to moan and winge about the (non) lack of reviews for my particular computer. Nor will I spare a word for piratism - I'm sure that you're becoming pretty 'pig sick' of that tedious old chestnut.

Anyway, enough of this merry banter and onto the real point of my letter. (Trumpets and drum-roll) I'm slowly but surely getting more than a little narked by all of this Commodore 64 versus Spectrum rumpus. I'm not about to divulge which of these machines I happen to own, suffice to say it's one of the two.

To be brutally frank, both machines are extremely 'long in

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the tooth' and nigh on technically antiquated. However, neither of the old dears can quite be certified 'dead' just yet. Their respectively vast user-bases will, I think, guarantee software production on a large enough scale for at least another two years. I'm glad that you printed Seymour Lightman's letter as I am now quite relieved that not all your readers are obstinate raving bigots.

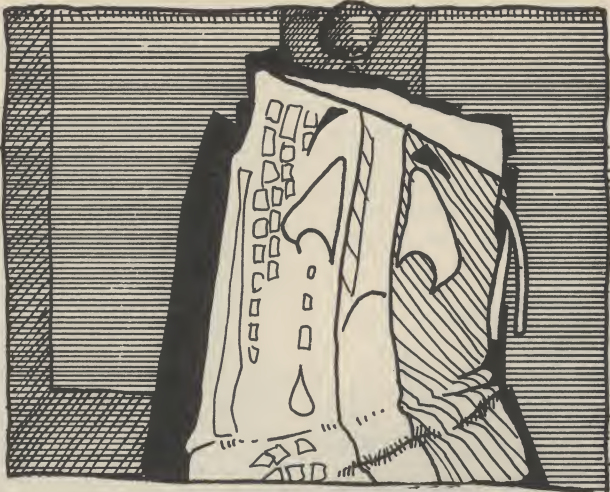
Let's keep this thing in perspective, we are, after all, only

talking about a handful or two of semi-conductors tucked inside a moulded plastic case aren't we?

Okay, sermon over. Now if we have any more of this ridiculously immature anti-that, anti-this nonsense then I'll give the lot of you a slap across my knee. I mean it, I really do. I conclude, I must admit that I would have to be infeasibly naive that my thrupence-worth of opinion will make any impression on much of your self-righteous readership.

**Adam Wilde
Leicester**

It'd be nice to think that was the end of all this micro-tribalism we've been plagued with recently, but this kind of thing's been going on so long it'll probably take more than a few letters from the likes of Seymour and Adam to stop it.



● THE PRICE IS WRONG

Ask any ardent 8-bit owner why he won't upgrade to a 16-bit machine and he will invariably tell you that the price of games on these machines are far too high. As an Atari ST owner I can't argue with that line of logic, after all it's absolutely true.

When I bought my machine some 14 months ago I did so on the assumption that software prices would plummet once ST's became mass market machines. Now that there are 120,000 ST owners in this country alone, it is well past the time when software prices should have fallen. But they haven't, instead we are now faced with a concerted effort by the software houses to extract massive profits by keeping prices in the £20 - £25 range. Indeed some software houses have even increased their prices over the past year (Elite, Ocean and Tynesoft are the three names which sprint immediately to mind). Which is hardly an encouraging sign for us owners.

True, there are some games retailing for £10, but these so called budget games consist mainly of old converted 8 bit titles which sell on the said machines for £1.99. Thus £10 can hardly be termed either budget priced or a bargain.

Software houses may try to defend their ridiculously high prices by claiming that the 16 bit games are much better than their 8 bit counterparts and take more development time to complete, but this just isn't true. Animation on 16 bit machines is generally substandard, the size of the playing area is usually minute, and more often than not the games are just straightforward conversions of 8 bit games.

Anyway, back to the point, unless the software houses wise up quickly their gross profiteering is going to kill the 16 bit software industry in this country. Oh well, at least I can use my ST as a doorstopper.

If you think what I am saying is utter rubbish, then cast your minds back to when games consoles first arrived in this country. They sold

reasonably well, and were soon abandoned by their owners because they couldn't afford to keep paying the high prices for software. A similar fate now looms on the

horizon for the Amiga and the ST unless the software houses are fit to dramatically reduce their prices in the immediate future. How about all you software houses out there releasing some reasonably priced games for my £400 doorstopper then?

T White Workshop

I don't know about 16-bit software prices being extortionate: those high prices are a major factor in the ST and Amiga getting the growing support from software houses that we've been seeing recently. If you can't build a large software collec-

tion, be selective: games like Oids, Interceptor, Virus or Carrier Command really can be worth the extra.

As for accusing the software houses of gross profiteering, that's not necessarily fair either. There's pressure on them from distributors and shopkeepers to keep prices up, and they've also got programmers to pay. Bear in mind, ST and Amiga programmers are still fairly thin on the ground, so they can put a rather higher price on their skills. Lower prices would certainly give sales a real boost, but only if they're for good games that actually reach the shops!

REPORTS OF MY DEATH ARE GREATLY EXAGGERATED

I see you are now running a competition wherein people send you totally stupid letters which defy all known forms of logic. In issue 10 G Ababs sent you a letter telling your readers, many of whom own Spectrum computers, to throw them away and buy another computer.

As you might have guessed by now, I own a Spectrum (48K) and have owned it for nearly four years without any major problems with it. Then along comes this moron and tells me to get rid of it for the simple reason that he does not like them.

If I may, I would like to point out a few facts.

1. I own over £400 worth of software and can quite easily walk into a major store and buy more software for it. If, as he is insinuating, my computer is 'dead' then I should not be able to do this. BUT I CAN.

2. You can still quite easily purchase a brand new Spectrum. If they were 'dead' I would not be able to do this. They are easily available - unlike the C64 which could not be found in any of the major stores in Glasgow. It seems to me that Commodore have lost all interest in the C64 concentrating mainly on the Amiga.

3. The Spectrum's graphics aren't, as he puts it, 'atrocious' take 'Driller' for example. The graphics on that are equal, if not better than the C64. The only thing wrong with it is its lack of colours which make it generally unattractive to look at.

I never usually write into magazines but on this occasion I felt I had to. I, like many other readers, am getting sick and tired of the attitude adopted by a small minority of your readers of 'my computer is God's gift to computing and stuff

the rest'. I realise of course that the Spectrum isn't a prime contender for the new United States defence computer but it is a damn sight better than some other ones I could mention. If that is what happens to you when you buy a Commodore computer I think I'll stick to the Spectrum.

Finally, two quick questions;

- 1 What about a Best-selling computer games chart in your mag? I have to rely on other mags for this.
2. Why does every second letter in this mag come from an Atari ST owner?

Right, I'll move over to make room for the next letter. Keep up the excellent work.

Scott Hutchings
Glasgow

Why does everyone who writes to your magazine seem to take a strange psychopathic delight in putting down the Spectrum?

Glancing through your letter pages I found a whole host of letters saying how bad and out of date the Spectrum is. One "poor" person had written a letter about how deeply offended he was because someone had compared his beloved C64 with a Spectrum. One of the choice passages from this letter was, "I've always hated Spectrums and always will, mainly because of the atrocious graphics they dare to display" Another advised Spectrum owners to throw their machines away. The big question is, "Has this person every actually used a Spectrum?"

I myself am quite happy with my Spectrum (OK its got a rubber keyboard and fractionally worse graphics) but most games are a pound cheaper on the Spectrum than on the C64 or the Amstrad

and about £13 or £14 cheaper than the Atari ST which is an advantage when I am faced with the prospect of having to save up 7 weeks' pocket money for "Roadblasters".

Peter Krailing
Ipswich

My my, G Ababs has stirred up a hornets' nest. You see the aggro you cause when you start slagging off other people's machines? The fact that you can still buy Spectrums doesn't necessarily mean they're alive and kicking - many burned-out or superseded models have been dumped on the market in previous years - but the continued and vigorous software support is a sure-fire sign of life. As for Peter's point about the Spectrum being such an Aunt Sally for machine bigots, I think it does have a lot to do with not having used the machine. The similarly vintage C64 has all its strengths - sprites, scrolling, colour and sound - upfront where the casual observer can easily see them. Its limitations on the other hand only become apparent over time, so you have to know the machine quite well to slag it off accurately.

The ACE view on all this is that it's horses for courses. Different machines have different good and bad points, but the main machines we cover all have a lot going for them. If you've got a machine that's good at what you like doing or playing, why worry about what anyone else has got? (Every second letter from an Atari ST owner? I think you'll find the 8-bit owners have had a rather better showing this month!)

ACE PINK PAGES

Welcome to the Pink Pages, bursting with indispensable information. A games guide updated with all the hot new software, a hardware guide to tempt you into upgrading, the latest Random Access brain-teasers and the Reader Pages, where lots of great bargains and help can be found.

ACE recommended games have all met extremely high standards of quality. We're confident that these are the very best games available for all machines and all tastes. It's constantly updated and this month there are two very distinguished new entries – *Virus* and *Dark Side*.

Sadly, the sands of time have run out for *Highway Encounter* and *Cosmic Causeway*, as they make way for the new entries. *Highway Encounter* has been there from the beginning, but even this classic game had to hang up its joystick one day. Farewell to those stalwarts and hail and well met! to the new blood.

ACE RECOMMENDED SOFTWARE

ARCADE ADVENTURES

These games usually give the player a joystick controlled character with which to explore the huge game area.

AIRBALL

Microdeal ● Atari ST £24.95dk

Multi-coloured three-dimensional arcade adventure that owes something to the Ultimate style but is years ahead in terms of graphic detail and presentation. You, as the airball in question, must negotiate corridors and rooms full of various obstacles – all spelling instant death. An outstanding rendition of a popular genre.

DUNGEON MASTER

Mirrorsoft ● Atari ST £24.99dk

A fascinating arcade adventure cum role-

playing game that gives you four characters to guide through a series of dungeons on a quest to find the Firestaff. Superb graphics help to create an enthralling game that will keep you playing for a long time to come.

EAGLE'S NEST

Pandora ● Amiga £19.95dk ● Atari ST £19.95dk

This is one of the better *Gauntlet* clones, especially on the 16-bit machines. The military flavour of the arcade adventure adds atmosphere and if you like this particular style of game, you won't be disappointed with *Eagle's Nest*.

HEAD OVER HEELS

Ocean ● Spectrum £7.95cs ● C64 £8.95cs £12.95dk ● Amstrad £8.95cs £14.95dk ● MSX £8.95cs ● IBM PC £19.95dk

3D exploration reaches its peak with this huge intricate masterpiece. You play two characters – Head and Heels – as you search for the crowns that will free the galaxy. The puzzles can get very difficult indeed, and you'll often have to split Head and Heels up to use their different capabilities. The game's 300 locations are wittily drawn, and the animation is excellent throughout. A real classic.

MAGIC KNIGHT TRILOGY

Mastertronic ● *Knight tyme* ● Spectrum £2.99cs ● Amstrad £2.99cs ● C64 £2.99cs ● *Spellbound* ● Spectrum £2.99cs ● Amstrad £2.99cs ● C64 £2.99cs ● *Stormbringer* ● Spectrum £2.99cs ● Amstrad £2.99cs

This trilogy is a series of menu-driven arcade adventures which, as well as all the expected running and jumping, have

a complex system of interaction between characters. In *Spellbound* you must rescue Gimbal the Wizard from the fearsome Castle of Karn; in *Knight Tyme* you have to find a way back in time after being catapulted into the 25th century, while in *Stormbringer*, the final part, we find that the magic knight has been split in two, one part good, the other evil. You can't kill yourself, so the only solution is to merge the two halves. But how? Lots of action, plenty of thought and good graphics make all three winners.



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STRATEGY GAMES

The games for megalomaniacs. The games listed in this section will really test your mettle on the battlefield.

BALANCE OF POWER

Mindscape/Mirrorsoft ● Amiga £26.95dk
● Atari ST £26.95dk ● IBM PC £26.95dk
● Mac £26.95dk

Definitive strategy game for 16-bitters. The player takes the role of one of the superpowers, while either the computer or a friend takes the other. Then it's a case of trying to win friends and influence people on a global scale. This can be achieved in a number of ways, including supplying arms or financial aid to radical factions in the hope of toppling a government which is not receptive to the great American or Russian dream (depending on which side you're playing). It's complex, involving and it's difficult to play in ten minute sessions. Absorbing stuff that gives an insight into the devious world of geopolitics.

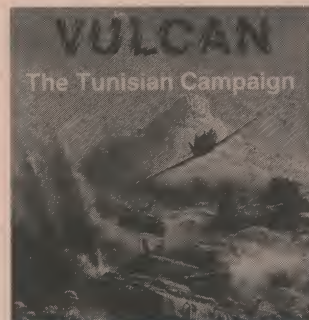
BALANCE OF POWER



CARRIER COMMAND

Rainbird ● Atari ST £24.95dk ● Amiga £24.95dk ● Amstrad £14.95cs £19.95dk
● Spectrum £14.95cs £15.95dk

A magnificent strategy game spiced with some great arcade action - As commander of the aircraft carrier Epsilon, it's your job to stop the invasion of an island archipelago by the rogue aircraft carrier Omega. State of the art graphics mix tremendously with great gameplay to make an enthralling and entertaining game.



DIPLOMACY

Leisure Genius ● C64 £12.95cs
£14.95dk ● PC £24.95dk

The grand old man of nasty negotiation boardgames finally made it onto home computers and how! The game can handle up to seven players and it's an engrossing and madly addictive game that's a must for micro megalomaniacs.

UMS

Rainbird ● Atari ST £24.95dk ● IBM PC £24.95dk ● Macintosh £34.95dk ● Amiga £24.95dk

Rainbird's *Universal Military Simulator* is designed to simulate a conflict between two forces on a user-definable terrain that can be viewed in three dimensions from any one of eight directions. The program heralds a new era in 16-bit computer wargaming. The ST version is available now with the other versions following shortly.

VULCAN

CCS ● Spectrum £9.95cs ● Amstrad £9.95cs

An elegant, simple and ingenious wargame, *Vulcan* covers the Tunisian campaign of 1942-43. A huge playing area and air attack phase make the game an improvement over the same author's earlier works *Arnhem* and *Desert Rats*. *Vulcan* is fast, efficient and simple to play, and no self-respecting wargamer should be without it.

SIMULATIONS

Games that put you at the controls. Whether you're flying helicopters, or aeroplanes, or steering bobsleighs, simulation games can become very involving.

BOBSLEIGH

Digital Integration ● Spectrum £9.95cs
● Amstrad £9.95cs £14.95dk

Bobsleigh is a thrilling game with enough strategy involved to add another dimension to a highly competent and addictive simulation. Have you got the stamina to

win your way into one of the top three positions by the end of the season? Remember, sponsors don't back losers. Unfortunately, though *Bobsleigh* is available for the C64, it's a poor game compared to the Amstrad and Spectrum versions and is therefore not recommended.

CHUCK YEAGER'S ADVANCED FLIGHT TRAINER

Electronic Arts • C64 £9.95cs £16.95dk
● PC £24.95dk

Chuck Yeager's flight trainer takes the flight simulator genre a step further by including a training option. Chuck will guide the novice through such difficult moves as aileron loops and rolls. With so much in one package it will take many hours of instructive fun to master all the available options.

FALCON

Mirrorsoft • Apple Mac £34.99dk • IBM PC £34.99dk

A magnificent flight sim that gives you a dozen missions at any of five ranks, so there's an awful lot to get through. The game's very combat-orientated making it definitely one for fighters rather than just fliers. After a short while of playing it's easy to see why *Falcon* scooped a whole bunch of awards in America recently.

FLIGHT SIMULATOR 2

Sub-Logic • Atari ST £49.95dk • Amiga £49.95dk • IBM PC £49.95dk

The venerable godfather of flight simulations, *Flight Sim II* is the standard by which all others are judged. Although it spent a zillion weeks on top of the US charts, it's difficult to get hold of in the UK. If you have the technology, this is an essential purchase.

GUNSHIP

Microprose • PC £34.95dk

Excellent graphics, involving simulation and a variety of missions make this one of the better PC games. Piloting your 'copter around in order to zap various gooks may not be terribly tasteful – but if you can stand the politics you should have a lot of fun.

INTERCEPTOR

Electronic Arts • Amiga £24.95dk

F-18 simulation combining stunning solid

3-D graphics with atmospheric sound and an interesting variety of missions – impressive and extremely playable.

LEADERBOARD

Access/US Gold • Spectrum £8.99 ●
C64 £9.99cs £14.99dk • Amstrad
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If you only buy one golf simulation for your collection, buy *Leaderboard*. It's head and shoulders above everything else in playability and realism, easy to get into, with delightful graphics and some wicked courses. Once you've mastered the courses on the original, tackle *Tournament Leaderboard* then *World Class Leaderboard* (based on real courses, including St Andrews, plus the 'Gauntlet Country Club' – devised by Access to be as difficult as possible).



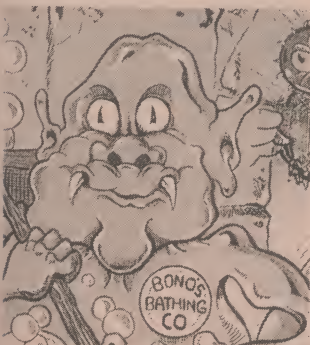
TOMAHAWK

Digital Integration • Spectrum £9.95cs ●
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One of the all-time great flight simulations, *Tomahawk* also has a strong combat edge to it. Flying a US Army Apache helicopter is a complex business, and the game's realistic controls make no concessions for learner pilots. Choose one of the three combat missions and you can fly out to attack ground targets, while keeping a weather eye open for enemy aircraft. Landscape, buildings and vehicles are all drawn in crisp vector graphics.

PUZZLES

If you're after a game that will provide you with a real challenge, without necessarily requiring large doses of strategic thinking, then it's a puzzle game you want.



BONECRUNCHER

Superior Software • C64 £9.95cs
£11.95dk • Amiga £14.95dk

At first sight this recent release may appear to be nothing more than a *Boulderdash* rip-off. However there are a number of highly innovative gameplay features which give *Bonecruncher* a feel all of its own. Highly recommended for those who prefer to solve problems rather than shoot them.

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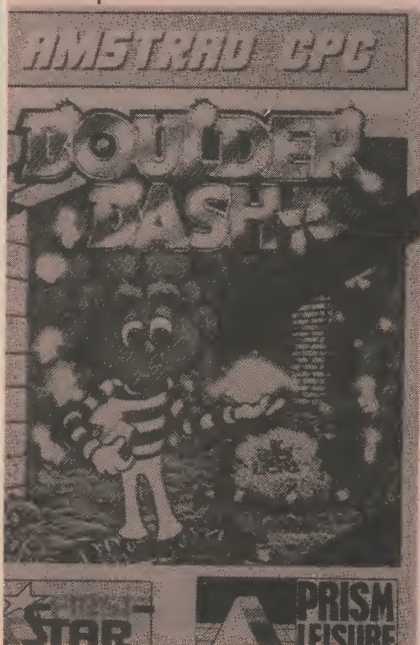
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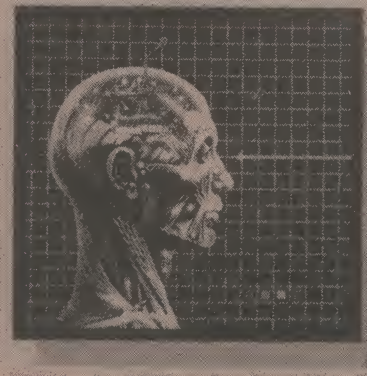
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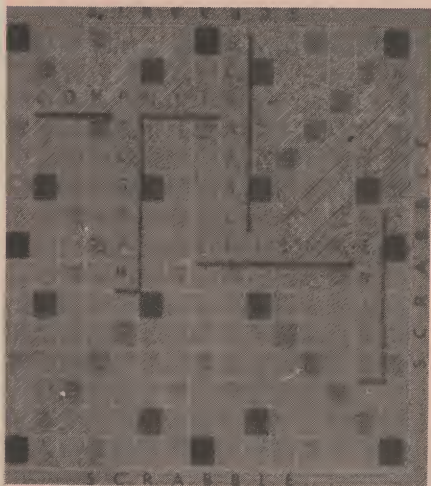
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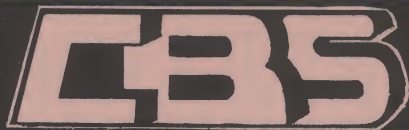
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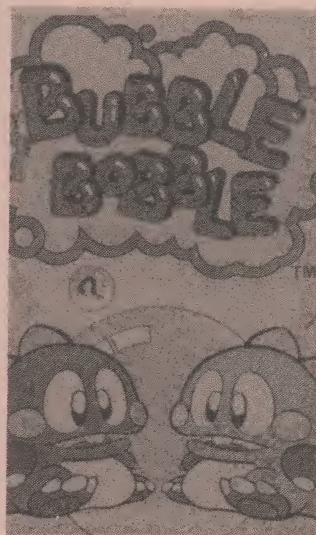
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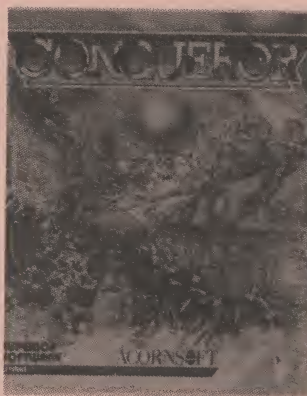
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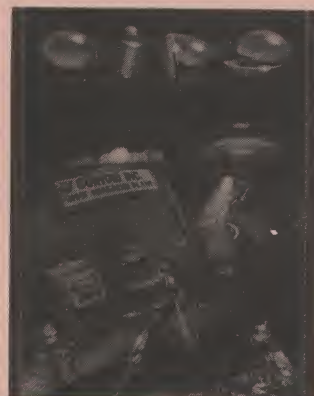
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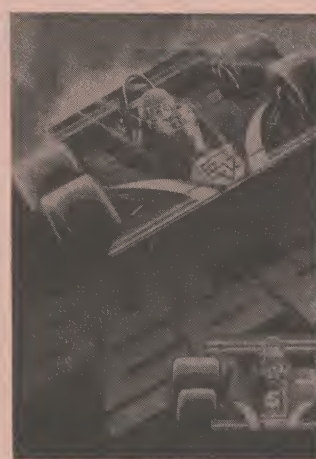
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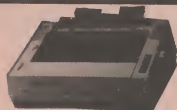


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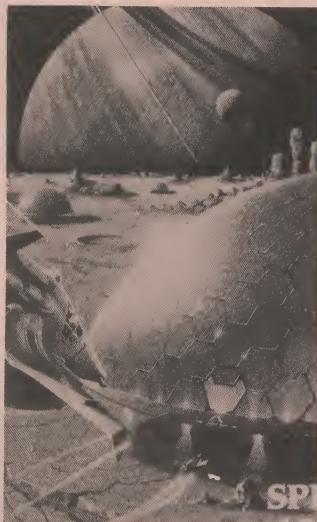
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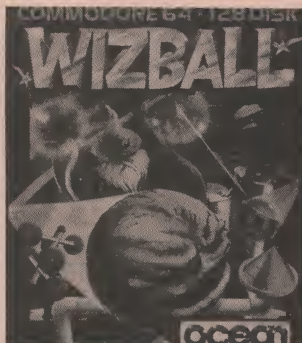
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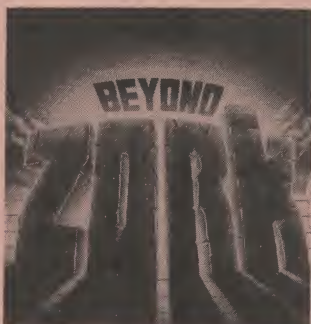
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HARDWARE UPGRADE

	BUYLINES	GRAPHICS & SOUND	
ACORN ARCHIMEDES			
<p>THE RANGE consists of the 305, 310 and 310M, packaged as keyboard, mouse and drive with or without monitor (colour or mono). M denotes the inclusion of a PC emulator</p> <p>THE PROCESSOR is the Acorn ARM and the 305 comes with 512K, while the 310 boasts 1Mb of memory.</p> <p>● Recommended retail price: from £801.60 for the 305 alone to £1188.00 for a 310M with colour monitor</p>	<p>FULL PRICE is the order of the day so far, since it hasn't been around long enough to become a second-hand buy.</p> <p>● One year's guarantee – faulty machines should be returned to the dealer.</p>	<p>RESOLUTION is either 320 x 256, 640 x 256 or a pin-sharp 640 x 512 with multi-sync monitor. With a palette of 4096, up to 256 colours on-screen at once (in 320 x 256 mode) or 16 (640 x 512). The Archie boasts one sprite, and fast graphics. Note that a TV modulator is not provided.</p> <p>● Monitor output: b/w — composite video; colour – RGB + sync.</p>	<p>THE INTERNAL SPEAKER is good quality, while the Archimedes also has a MIDI interface, stereo output, 16 channels (8 stereo pairs) and covers six octaves!</p>
APPLE MACINTOSH			
<p>THE TWO MODELS in the range – the SE and Macintosh II – comprise a monitor with built-in CPU and disk drive and a separate keyboard.</p> <p>1Mb MEMORIES are common to both, the SE using a Motorola 68000 processor, and the II a Motorola 68020.</p> <p>● Recommended Retail Price: SE £2,294.25 upwards; II £4,329.75 upwards.</p>	<p>NOT CHEAP even if you go second-hand. There's not much of a discount market in new Macs, so you generally have to pay list price. Check small ads in specialist magazines for used versions.</p> <p>● 'APPLECARE' is an optional 'insurance' scheme for covering the cost of repairs outside the guarantee period, but apart from that you just get the standard one year's warranty.</p>	<p>VERY SHARP graphics are a feature of the black and white SE, with resolution of 512 x 342. The II, though, boasts figures of 1027 x 760, and a palette – with colour monitor – of 16 million! Between 16 and 256 colours can be used on-screen at once. For such a powerful machine, the graphics are only reasonably fast, while there are no sprites. A TV modulator is not supplied.</p>	<p>● Monitor output: Integral monitor.</p> <p>GOOD SPEAKER QUALITY goes with 4 channels and good overall performance. Third party MIDI interfaces are available, and although the SE doesn't offer stereo output, the II does.</p>
ATARI ST			
<p>THE TWO basic models in the range – the 520STFM and 1040STF – are supplemented by various Mega STs, and come as a keyboard with built-in disk drive.</p> <p>512K OF MEMORY is standard on the 520STFM, while the 1040STF offers 1Mb. Mega STs typically have 2 or 4Mb. All use Motorola 68000 processors.</p> <p>● Recommended Retail Price: 520STFM £399.99; 1040STF £599.99</p>	<p>GOOD PACKAGES can sometimes be found, but as a rule you won't get much under the RRP. Check out classified ads in magazines for second-hand buys.</p> <p>● One year's guarantee as usual, and faulty machines should be returned to the dealer.</p>	<p>HIGH, MEDIUM AND LOW RESOLUTION modes exist, with high res (640 x 400) available only in monochrome. Medium res (640 x 200) can handle 4 colours from a palette of 512, while low res (320 x 200) offers 16. The 520STFM can plug into a TV, but other models need a modulator. There are no sprites.</p> <p>Monitor Output: RGB/Monochrome</p>	<p>MIDI INTERFACE there may be, but no stereo output. Three channels, 8 octaves and envelope shaping complete the package.</p>
COMMODORE AMIGA			
<p>THREE MODELS have been produced – the Amiga 500, A1000 (now discontinued) and A2000 – and are supplied as a keyboard with built-in disk drive. Packaging of the A1000 will depend on individual dealers.</p> <p>ONLY 256K was offered by the A1000, but the 500 has 512K and the A2000 1024K. All use the Motorola 68000 processor.</p> <p>● Recommended Retail Price: A500 £399.99; A1000 none – discontinued; A2000 £1236.25</p>	<p>CHECK DEALERS for special packages by all means, but as a rule Amigas are not at present sold below the RRP. Second-hand availability is limited as yet.</p> <p>Faulty machines should be returned to the dealer within the guarantee period.</p>	<p>THE GRAPHICS CO-PROCESSOR allows sprites (there are 8 of them) to be 're-used' under some circumstances and offers powerful windowing capabilities, while a block image transferrer (blitter) speeds up large-scale graphics work enormously. Resolution is 640 x 200 with a palette of 4096. 16 colours can be used in high res, 32 in low res and 4096 in hold and modify. A TV modulator is extra, while the Commodore A1081 monitor weighs in at £349.99</p>	<p>● Monitor Output: SCART</p> <p>COMPREHENSIVE SOUND facilities include stereo output, 4 channels, 9 octaves, built-in text to speech synthesis, and programmable waveforms, amplitude and frequency modulation. MIDI facilities are not built-in, but third party interfaces are available.</p>
IBM & COMPATIBLES			
<p>IBM'S PC is the original, but the many clones include Amstrad's PC1512 and 1640 series, Tandy's 1000EX, Spectrum Bondwell 32, etc. Specifications given apply to most IBM compatibles unless particular riders are made. If you are thinking of buying a PC or compatible, check salient details with dealers first. Packages depend on the manufacturer. You can buy the bare bones or the whole works.</p> <p>MEMORY is usually between 512 and 640K, while the processor is the Intel 8086, 8088 or variants.</p> <p>● Recommended Retail Price: From around £400 for the cheaper basic clones to £1500 for top-of-the-range clones (with hard disk, colour monitor etc.). IBM machines themselves are considerably more expensive.</p>	<p>GOOD VALUE packages like the Amstrad are worth going for, but if you know what you're doing even better bargains can be had from discount stores. If you don't know what you're doing go for a reputable brand. PCs can often be picked up second-hand in auctions of computer and office goods, or through magazine adverts.</p> <p>Faulty machines can be returned to the dealer, but a maintenance contract – often surprisingly cheap – can guarantee your peace of mind.</p>	<p>THREE COMMON GRAPHICS STANDARDS exist – CGA, EGA (Normally fitted as upgrade, but comes as standard on some PCs – eg Amstrad PC1640) and Hercules. Graphics are not provided as standard on PCs, although nowadays most are sold with the necessary add-on boards already installed. These three standards account for almost all cheap current PCs, but other adaptors do exist. Second hand PCs may have unusual or text-only displays.</p> <p>RESOLUTION with CGA (Colour Graphics Adaptor) is 320 x 200 in low res and 640 x 200 in medium res. EGA (Enhanced Graphics Adaptor) has both CGA graphics modes plus 640 x 350 high resolution, while the Hercules standard offers resolution of 720 x 348.</p> <p>PALETTES vary – CGA has none as such, just</p>	<p>three different colour schemes in low res. EGA has a palette of 64, while Hercules is mono only, and is often built-in on mono PCs.</p> <p>COLOURS available in CGA are 4 in low res and mono in high res. CGA is the most common PC colour standard; EGA offers 16 and Hercules is mono only. TV output is not supplied. There are no sprites, and graphics speed varies according to the software.</p> <p>● Monitor Output: Normally RGB</p> <p>POOR SPEAKER QUALITY is a general characteristic. PCs are not really machines for the musician, especially in view of recent competition from Atari and Apple Macintosh. Stereo output is not provided, but third party MIDI interfaces are available.</p>

GRADE GUIDE.....

HARDWARE & SOFTWARE			IN BRIEF
<p>THE BUILT-IN DRIVE is good and fast, and takes 3.5 inch disks holding a healthy 800K formatted. Very comprehensive keyboard includes programmable auto-repeat rate, but has a surprisingly cheap feel given the machine's quality. A 3-button mouse comes with the machine, but a joystick is not supported.</p> <p>● Also provided: RS423 serial, Centronics compatible parallel, 9-pin mouse socket, 3.5mm</p>	<p>stereo jack, 64 way din, 41612 expansion port, IEC 320 video outlet and I/O interface (BBC compatible).</p> <p>EXISTING SOFTWARE is limited to <i>Zarch</i> (ACE Rated 979), <i>Conqueror</i> (ACE rated 931), and a couple of databases from Minerva Systems. Graphics potential is enormous, with a couple of packages now available. Powerful music possibilities too, which the software houses</p>	<p>have yet to pick up on though.</p> <p>● Prospects for the future are very good, but not necessarily for games market, even though there is at least one more game on the way, together with a couple of adventures.</p>	<p>ARCHIMEDES – the cutting edge of micro technology...</p> <p>...so it's not going to be cheap. Nor does it have the software base of longer-standing micros. It's a very exciting machine, but best left to the real enthusiasts – at least for now.</p>
<p>800K FORMATTED fits onto the 3.5in disks taken by the built-in drives, which are fast and reliable. The 81 keys of the standard keyboard include function keys and a numeric keypad. An optional extra is the Apple Extended keyboard, with 105 keys. Joystick is not supported, but a high quality one-button mouse is supplied.</p> <p>● Also provided: SE 2 – Apple Desktop Bus</p>	<p>connector; 2 RS232/RS422 serial; external disk drive; 96-pin Euro-Din expansion slot SCSI – DB-25 connector; External audio amplifier; II – 2 RS232/RS422 serial; DB-25 SCSI T.</p> <p>A WIDE RANGE OF SOFTWARE exists in virtually all fields except games. These are limited to a small selection of arcade games, but there are a number of adventures. Business and</p>	<p>DTP fields are particularly well supported, but watch out for US software that hasn't been thoroughly tested. Interesting graphics packages for those interested in DIY publishing, while there's lots of MIDI software – but it's expensive stuff.</p> <p>● Prospects for the future are excellent, especially in business and DTP.</p>	<p>EXPENSIVE and up-market machine for those keen on desk-top publishing, wimp systems and classy software – which is very expensive. Games are mostly limited to icon-driven adventures. Good for MIDI musicians, but be prepared to pay through the nose.</p>
<p>360K OR 720K fits onto a 3.5in disk, depending on whether the (built-in) drive is 0.5 or 1Mb. The keyboard has 96 keys including 10 function keys, and joystick ports are standard. A two-button mouse is supplied with the machine.</p> <p>● Also provided: MIDI out (5 pin DIN); MIDI in (5 pin DIN); audio out; audio in; RGB monitor; mono monitor; serial/modem port; second disk; hard disk; mouse/joystick; joystick; cartridge; TV.</p>	<p>LIMITED SOFTWARE BASE by 8-bit standards, but the Ataris are the best-supported of the new machines – Most major software houses convert their output to ST now, and several smaller houses specialise in ST titles. The range of arcade titles isn't bad, while adventures are rarer but generally very good. The only fly in the ointment is that a 360K disk can't hold a really large ST program, so two-disk titles are becoming increasingly common. The disk-changing these require can get tedious, espe-</p>	<p>cially where you've got to swap disks during play. There are several first-rate graphics packages around, and musicians are catered for very well indeed, with many companies producing sound editors, samplers, synths, etc.</p> <p>● Prospects for the future are very bright, and the Atari could soon rival the Spectrum and C64 for numbers of new releases.</p>	<p>EXCELLENT general-purpose home machine</p> <p>for games, small businesses, and productivity – it's the number one choice for MIDI musicians. The ST's price could still give it the edge for artists over the Amiga. One of the first machines to feature a disk drive in the side of the console, this design has now been taken up by other manufacturers.</p>
<p>A WHOLE 880K formatted fits onto the Amiga's 3.5in disks, which are loaded via a surprisingly sluggish and noisy drive. The 94 key keyboard includes 10 function keys, a numeric keypad and separate cursor cluster. A mouse is supplied as standard.</p> <p>● Also provided: Two joystick/mouse; audio output left and right; extra disk drive; serial RS232; centronics parallel; RGB/video; monochrome video; expansion bus</p>	<p>SMALL SOFTWARE BASE in comparison to 8-bit machines, but releases are just beginning to pick up. Arcade games are not yet up to the capabilities of the machine, but the few adventures so far released are generally of good quality. The quality and range of graphics products is outstanding, which the music potential of the Amiga is superb. There's little MIDI support as yet, though.</p> <p>● Prospects for the future are good, but the</p>	<p>A500 needs to establish a larger user-base before becoming a prime development machine.</p>	<p>STUNNING SPECIFICATION, and despite initial uncertainty software support now seems assured. Although overshadowed by the ST in the UK to date, overseas sales (particularly in US) are high. An excellent machine for those who can afford one.</p>
<p>5.25in DISKS are used by PCs as a rule, but some very new models do use 3.5in disks. Capacity is almost always 360K formatted. Performance is generally reliable and pretty fast – faster still, of course, with hard disks. All models include function keys and separate numeric keypads. A wide variety of third-party keyboards is available. Two different joystick standards exist – IBM (analogue) and Amstrad (Atari style – the norm for games playing). Most games support either IBM or both, but Amstrads can now be adapted to use IBM joystick. Newer models (eg Amstrad) include mouse in package. Third party mice are available for mouse-less PCs.</p> <p>● Also provided: Various interfaces can be expected to include centronics parallel; RS232;</p>	<p>plus expansion port with most machines. Some of these are optional.</p> <p>A VAST SOFTWARE BASE already exists for PCs, with releases still pouring out. Price levels are dropping as well. Cheaper machines have meant that more and more games are being released on the PC – both arcade and adventure types. The CGA graphics standard used to be predominant, but an increasing number of EGA games with superior graphics are appearing. The PC has only recently been perceived as a machine with games potential. Many sophisticated business graphics packages exist, but there's not much for the artist. Musicians can choose from a fair selection of – expensive – MIDI packages and interfaces.</p>	<p>● Prospects for the future are good, since releases aren't likely to dwindle as long as there are PCs on desks.</p>	<p>BUSINESS ORIGINS of the PC can't be disguised, but for all that they represent superb value if you want an all-round machine. Increasing numbers of games software releases include few of the coin-op arcade variety though, and PCs are definitely not to be considered if entertainment is your first priority.</p>

RANDOM ACCESS

Welcome to the regular section of the magazine that promises to puzzle, tease and perplex you. We've got a fiendish puzzle and a cryptic crossword to give you some mental exercise, and something to make you chuckle. If you reckon you could draw a cartoon that will give us a giggle, don't hesitate to send it in (for the best chances of reproduction, draw your cartoons black on stiff white paper). If you're one of those types that needs extra motivation to get your thinking cap on then consider the fact that the first correct entry pulled from the hat after the closing date for both the puzzle and the crossword wins £25 worth of software – so, heads down and get to it!

THE ACE PUZZLE No5

Set by Archie Medes

Take 10 pieces of card and write on them the 10 digits – 0 to 9 as shown.

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9		

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE No3

A=2 C=6 E=3

The complete values are:

2 6 3 (prime)
 2 2 6 3 1 (53 x 427)
 5 6 2 6 3 8 4 (2372 squared)
 1 2 7 2 6 3 5 2 7 (503 cubed)

Of the 143 three-digit primes, we need to find the one which can also form the central digits in each of the expressions in turn, and which for each expression can only result in one answer. For example, the prime 113 would not do as there is no cube possible, while the prime 151 would be rejected as there are TWO possible cubes (679151439 and 776151559), and therefore would not result in a unique answer.

- the first correct entry out of the hat came from Tony Green, Hadfield, Cheshire.

The best method is to test each of the primes in turn, eliminating those for which a single solution is not found. As there are only 536 nine-digit cubes to be checked against each of the primes, as opposed to 1698 multiples of 53 or 2162 seven-digit squares, this would present the best initial approach. Listing 1 generates each of the three-digit primes in turn (as determined by the subroutine), and then tests each of these against the cubes of numbers 464 to 999 inclusive. A count (CT) keeps track of the number of possible values for each of the primes in turn, and only prints out those with a unique solution – i.e. having a count of 1. This results in 42 primes remaining from the original 143. This number can be further reduced to 30 by eliminating all those values which have a duplicated digit as we are told that A,C and E are DIFFERENT digits. These 30 values are then placed in the DATA lines of Listing 2 to enable the second of the checks to be carried out.

Listing 2 works in a similar way to the cube test just applied except that it needs to test only those values remaining in the DATA lines. This filters out all but 9 of the primes. These in turn are placed in the DATA lines of Listing 3 which performs the test, this time against five-digit multiples of 53. After this test only one prime remains (263), from which the other values can be easily determined.

The significance of the professor's number plate is to indicate that there is a certain number which will produce a unique set of answers. The professor, knowing what this was, would be

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This month's cartoon comes to us courtesy of A. Jefferson of Hull.

PUZZLE ENTRY FORM

NAME

ADDRESS

COMPUTER OWNED.....

I think the solution is:

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 4 Queen Street, Bath BA1 1EJ. Closing date
 August 10th.

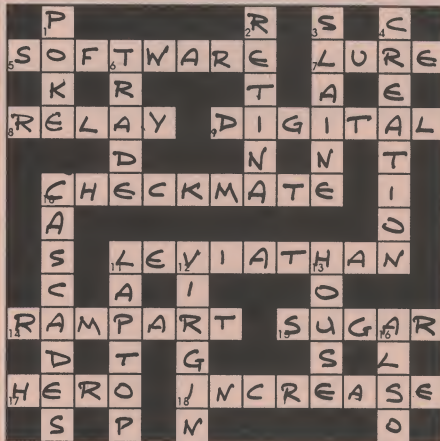
Place two of the cards on the table to make a two-digit number that is exactly divisible by 2. Now place a third card to the right of these two cards to produce a three-digit number exactly divisible by three. Continue in this way, each time placing a card on the right hand end of the row to produce a four-digit number divisible by four, a five-digit number divisible by five and so on – ending finally with a 10 digit number which must, of course, be exactly divisible by 10.

Thus, each number that is formed must be exactly divisible by the number of digits that the number contains. Needless to say, the cards must not be rearranged once they have been placed on the table!

What 10 digit number will you end with?

Instead of working this out with pencil and paper why not devise a simple listing that will get your micro to solve it for you?

SOLUTION TO PRIZE CROSSWORD No3



Prize crossword winner was I. Nicholl of Antrim, Co. Antrim.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!!

Go on, it's YOUR magazine. Turn to page 100
for the questionnaire that will tell US
what YOU want.

able to determine the required values immediately. We, who do not know this number, will have to eliminate all of the other possibilities first!

All of these listings should run on any machine capable of using Microsoft BASIC.

LISTING 1

```
100 FOR P=101 TO 999 STEP 2
110 P$=STR$(P):GOSUB 1000
120 IF FL=1 THEN 180
130 CT=0:FOR N=464 TO 999
140 C=N*N*N:C$=STR$(C)
150 IF MID$(C$,4,3)=P$ THEN CT=CT+1
160 NEXT N
170 IF CT=1 THEN PRINT STR$(P);S R;
180 NEXT P
190 END
1000 FL=0
1010 FOR F=3 TO SQR(P)+1 STEP 2
1020 D=P/F
1030 IF D=INT(D) THEN FL=1:F=P
1040 NEXT F
1050 RETURN
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LISTING 2

```
100 RESTORE
110 READ P:IF P=0 THEN END
120 P$=STR$(P)
130 CT=0:FOR N=1000 TO 3162
140 N$=STR$(N*N)
150 IF MID$(N$,3,3)=P$ THEN CT=CT+1
160 NEXT N
170 IF CT=1 THEN PRINT P$
180 GOTO 110
1000 DATA
103,107,109,137,149,193,197,239,251,263,293,347,359,461,48
7,491
1010 DATA
509,523,571,587,593,601,613,617,641,751,839,853,859,953,97
1,983,0
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LISTING 3

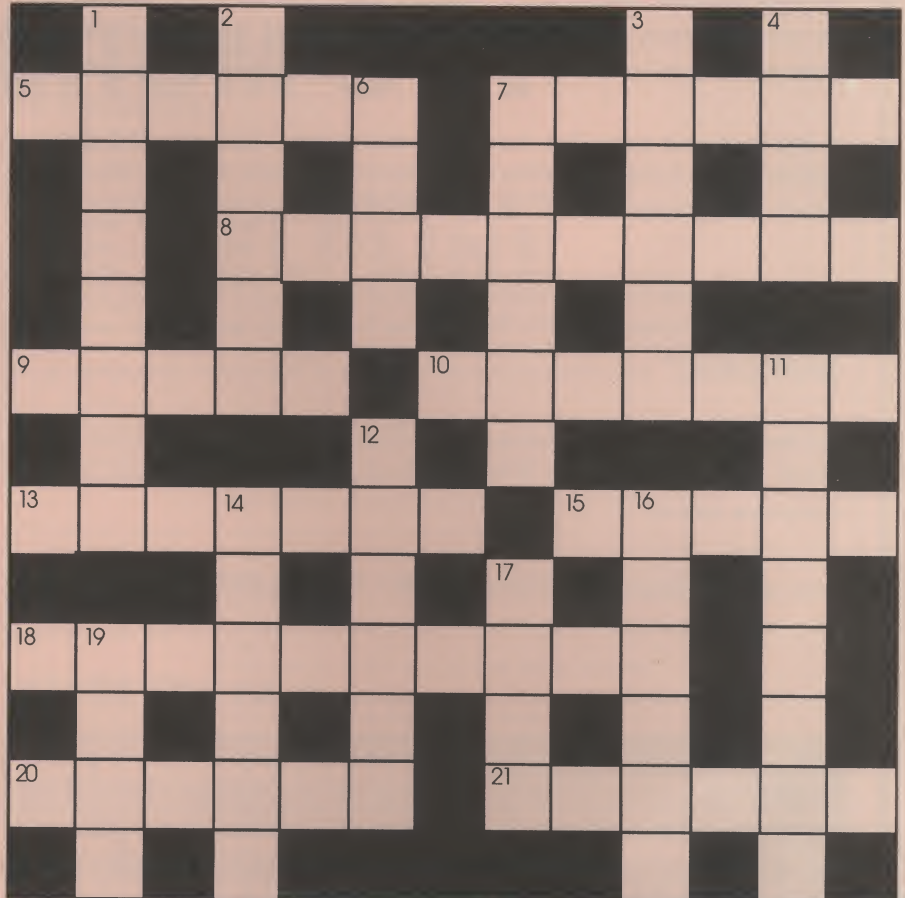
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10 RESTORE
20 READ P:IF P=0 THEN END
30 P$=STR$(P)
110 CT=0:FOR N=10017 TO 99958 STEP 53
120 N$=STR$(N)
130 IF MID$(N$,2,3)=P$ THEN CT=CT+1
140 NEXT N
150 IF CT=1 THEN PRINT P$
170 GOTO 20
1000 DATA 109,137,263,461,487,587,593,953,983,0
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ACE PRIZE CROSSWORD 5

Set by Mips

The first correct entry taken from the postbag wins software worth £25.00. Closing date for entries August 10th.

The ACE crossword is cryptic. The answer might be an anagram, or formed from the end of one word and the beginning of another, or simply hinted at by the clue. Most - but not quite all - of the answers are computer-related.



ACROSS

5. Game from Mirrorsoft giving one a strange feeling of familiarity (4,2)
7. Brags about first space craft (6)
8. Game from Activision sounds like a bad dream (10)
9. Stan dying to get hold of a computer (5)
10. Trap error Ann Rees made (7)
13. Sense I'm about to get a computer game (7)
15. Joke game provided by Linel (5)
18. One reflecting on easy games producer (10)
20. Stacks of drawers (6)
21. Bugs found in terror space game (6)

DOWN

1. Agree Ned should develop a computer game (8)
2. Broke into the system and cut up (6)
3. Map can be redrawn in classic game (6)
4. Skylight visible after dark (4)
6. The 'U' in CPU (4)
7. New version Ben hid at the back (6)
11. James Garner's role in Melbourne House arcade game (8)
12. Computers used in writing comic Rose designed (6)
14. Program nearer becoming a nice little mon-eyspinner (6)
16. Come back for the key (6)
17. Basic command spoken about (4)
19. Picture symbol displayed by a program (4)

CROSSWORD ENTRY FORM

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COMPUTER OWNED

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• **Commodore** 64 and excelerator + disk drive for sale, 'loads' games worth over £360, offers around £220. Perfect condition. Phone between 7pm-9pm on 01 883 5695 and ask for James.

• **Spectrum** 128K with Alfacom 32 printer,

Phillips tape recorder, 2 joysticks, Turbo interface, over £400 worth software. phone Dave on Swanley 0322 66418 £220 ono.

• **Spectrum** +, data recorder, ram turbo joystick interface and two joysticks, also £40 original games. Worth over £450, will sell for £150. Ring (0621) 59419 after 4pm (Essex).

• **Spectrum** Plus Two, £1000 software, Disciple, 5.25" disk drive (780K), Speech Synth Multiface 128, AMX Mouse, Spectrum, all boxed as new, worth £1500, sell for £400. Tel: (051) 424 6134.

• **Amstrad** 464, colour monitor over £350 software, cassette holder, magazines AA, ACU, Amix, joystick, blank tapes, tutor books worth over £750. Sell for £250 ono. Tel: 061 436 2620.

• **BBC** computer, joystick, tape deck, all the leads plus 18 games for only £240 or nearest offer. Phone Nottingham 866016 (evenings).

• **CBM** 64C, Excelerator plus disk drive, datasette, joystick, over £100 worth disc software inc. Seuck, Gunship etc, 9 months old, sell £240 ono. Tel: Stevenage (0438) 361881 after 5pm.

• **Atari** ST original games, £4 each, CBM 64 original tape games, £1 each. For complete lists send SSAE to Mike, 61 Riverview Close, Hallow Road, Worcester, WR2 6DB.

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Needless to say, we cannot ourselves vouch for the credentials of any particular entry in this section. If you respond, it's at your own risk.

• **Commodore** 64 and data cassette extras: Currah Speech 64, Lightpen, C64 games book 2, Variety of games, plus C64 Prog. Ref. Guide worth £10. All £100 ono. Tel: Hitchin 816762.

• **Amstrad** 6128, colour monitor, mouse, data recorder, loads of software on tape and disk, joystick. Worth £1000. For quick sale £400 reason for sale! Tel: 0422 78432.

• **Amstrad** original games, 11 disks, Advanced Art Studio, GAC, Armageddon Man, £10 each. Enduro Racer, Gauntlet etc. £8 each. 32 cassettes inc TT Racer, Tomahawk £5 each. SAE for list, 21 Delamere Drive, Marske, Cleveland, TS11 6DZ.

• **Atari** STFM, Mouse, 2 joysticks, mags, games including Gunship, Xenon, Backlash Super-sprint + many more, excellent condition, still boxed: Xmas present, bargain at £340. Phone: (0469) 76883, Sth Humber-side.

• **CBM** 128, 1570 drive, 1701 monitor, tape deck, mouse, joystick, £900+ of software, worth £1500+, sell for £450. Contact Simon Gibson, 49 Grosvenor Place, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 2RD (091) 281 0269.

• **Spectrum** +2, mags, 2 joysticks, £400 worth of software, all only six months old, worth £600, sell for offers around £250. VGC. Phone (0827) 894003 and ask for Justin after 5pm.

• **Amstrad** CPC 464 (mono), joystick, £400 games (all originals) mags 15 £400. Wanted Amstrad CPC 664 also 2 ZX81. Ring 061 633 3720 or 626 5044.

• **Amstrad** 6128 with colour monitor, over £150 worth of games, adventures etc. Tape deck + leads. sell for £300 ono, or swap for a 520STFM. Phone (0364) 53770.

• **Amstrad** 6128, colour monitor, excellent condition, joysticks, magazines, blank discs, software worth £650, all originals on disc including: Gauntlet, Renegade, Rampage, Arkonoid, GAC, Driller. Bargain £450! Ring (0786) Stirling 73859.

• **Spectrum** 128K+, excellent condition, original packaging, organ waster with keyboard, cassette leads, over £50 worth of recent games, £100. Phone (Poole area, Dorset) (0929) 462673 after 4pm. Ask for Richard.

• **Amstrad** 464, colour monitor, AMX mouse plus art software, books, joystick and manual. over £200 software, still boxed. Worth over £600. Will sell for £299. Ring 0494 724968 after 5pm.

• **Original** Amstrad 464 software, Combat School, Catch 23, Trivial Pursuit plus another 26 games worth £124. Will sell for £50. Telephone 098686 595 after school hours, ask for Dean.

• **Commodore** 64, 1541 disk drive, MPS803 printer, C2N, expert cart., joystick, logo, machine lightning, speech cart., word processors, games worth £750 (disks and cassettes). Sell for £350. Tel: (0883) 47768.

• **Calling** all Spectrum 48/128 owners! Music Machine £25, Amstrad DMP1 printer with interface £45, Multiface One £20. Loads software (all originals) from 50p. Phone Toby on 01-739 3736.

• **Amstrad** CPC 464 with monitor over £300 of original software, drum machine, joystick, excellent condition, bargain at £220. Tel: 0245 329600.

• **Commodore** 64, £400 worth of software, 2 C2N decks, back up system, joystick, mouse + cheese, manuals in excellent condition. Will sell for £175 ono. Phone Ruislip 631895.

• **Nintendo** for sale, boxed with five cartridges, sell for £150 (worth £180) ono or swap for Sega Master System. Tel: (0642) 786482 after 6pm

• **Amstrad** 464 mono, modulator, joystick, lightpen, 64K rom, speech rom, 64K silicon disc, cover, £800 software, magazines. All for £300. Write to Stephen, 58 Hill Road, Watchfield, Shrivenham, Nr Swindon.

• **C64**, data cassette, £300 latest original games including Seuck, California Games, Cybernoid etc, 50 mags, books, powerpack, 3 joysticks, worth £700. Will accept £260 ono. Phone Matt on 051-336 4006 after 4.30pm.

• **BBC-B** plus: cassette player, software worth £200. Worth £600, sell for £240 ono. Contact Mr Morbi on 01-902 9371 or write to 94 Wembley Park Drive, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 8HW.

• **Must** sell for £369 before September or swap for Atari STFM summer pack. BBC-B 051.20, Acorn DFS, disc drive, twin joystick, AMX mouse, Super Art & Rom V3.31, £100s worth of games, discs, mags, manuals, tape recorder. Tel: 06845 63343.

• **Casio** CZ230S box, guaranteed with midi in out thru £200. CZ1000 box midi in out £250 or swap for an Amiga. Some ST games for sale. Phone 01-870 1884.

• **Spectrum** software for sale, Hit Pak, Space Harrier, Trivial Pursuit, Hyperbowl, ATV simulator, Frogger, Scrabble, Amaurote, Milk Race, Zooom, Zub. £25 the lot (all originals). Tel: 0935 706551.

• **Amstrad** CPC 6128, colour monitor plus Sony TCM-828 cassette player and load of high reviewed software (mostly disk-based) worth over £600. Sell for only £300 or less! Phone Anne 0232 662375 after 6pm.

• **Spectrum** 128 spec+ B/W TV, recorder, 2 joysticks, over £400 software, 2 carrying cases - Complete set! £400 ono. contact 0222 568496.

• **Atari** STFM, still boxed, lots of software" Rampage, Barbarian, Starwars, Degast Elite etc, mouse, manuals. Sell for £300. Phone 0733 51733 5-6pm ask for Sahid or swap for Amiga.

• **Amstrad** 464 over £400 of software including lightpen with pad. Worth £1000, selling for £250 ono. Phone 89672 Locks Heath, Southampton.

• **Amrad** CPC 464, includes computer green screen monitor, MP1 modulator, over £300 worth of software. Tel: (0745) 826358 after 6.30pm and ask for Steven. Includes free gift if bought!

• **Amstrad** CPC464, colour monitor, joystick, £250 worth of games, magazines. All this for just £250. Contact: David Ward, 27 Prospect Road, New Barnet, Herts, EN5 5AD. Tel: 01-441 3128.

• **CBM64**, disc drive, datasette, sound sampler, speech synthesiser, lightpen, Action Replay cartridge, Music Maker, joystick, software and mags. £300 ono. Phone Chris after 5pm 0582 667150.

• **Amstrad** CPC 464 with colour monitor and speech synthesiser (£200) and Sega Master System (£120). 201 games with Amstrad, 6 games with Sega. Phone 01-461 1389 (Bromley, Kent).

• **Atari** 520STm with mouse, 1 Meg drive with games and utilities, runs all software titles unlike new STFM. All boxed. Excellent condition. £290 ono. Tel (0904) 762702 ask for Jason.

• **CBM64**, C2N, £800 games, many magazines, backup board, excellent condition, all worth over £1000, will accept £320 or swap for Atari 520STFM. Contact 09867 3294 ask for Rick.

• **Spectrum** + 3, over £160 worth of software and hardware inc. Outrun, Ikari Warriors etc. All for £190. computer under guarantee. Write to Z.A.R. 56 Sewell Road, Bradford, BD3 9TD with SAE (games on cassette and disk).

• **Commodore** 64, excelerator, disk drive, datasette, freeze machine, 2 joysticks, 55 plus games including Nebulus, Seuck, five books, 14 Zzaps, £350, no offers. Tel: (Selkirk) 0750 21837 after 6pm.

• **C64**, 1541C disk drive, 1531 data cassette, cartridges, new slimline case, disk cases, excellent condition, all manuals, only £300. Phone (091) 2576802 ask for Richard after 4pm.

• **Amiga** 500, 40 disks, 2 joysticks, C64 music exp+ keyboard, 100's games, books, datasette, midi interface, will sell separately. £800 ono the lot. Tel: 0935 29358.

• **Spectrum** 48K with leads, programmable interface, Quickshot two joystick, 100+ games, also 30 Crash magazines worth £1000+. Will accept £150. Tel: (0285) 5692. after 6pm.

• **Spectrum** 48K, joystick, mouse, tape deck, games, blank tapes, magazines (YS, Crash etc) machine-code book, gapchbooks. Will sell for £200 ono. Contact Simon on Epson 20347. Will sell separately.

• **C128** for sale with 1531 and printer, mouse and joystick, loads of games and all input mags. £330 ono. Ring (0432) 263470 and ask for Ian.

• **Commodore** 64 with Music System (sound sampler full size keyboard etc) over £1000 of games. Still guaranteed (2 years) boxed £200 ono. Ring John on 01-740 8090 (office hours only).

• **Spectrum** + 3, Multiface 3, data recorder, 2 joysticks, £360 worth of games, all only 8 months old, still under guarantee, worth £600+, sell for £250. Phone Manchester 061-653 9769 after 6pm.

• **Amstrad** 6128 with colour monitor (as new) with over £500 software (GAC, Driller, Sentinel etc), books and magazines £450 ono. Phone Dave 01-556 9643 after 7pm (East London area).

• **128K** Spectrum for sale, boxed, interface 2, joystick over £500 worth of leading games eg. Barbarian, Super Hang On, Renegade Plus, loads of mags. YS, SU. £250 ono. Ring Staines 51155.

• **CBM64**, cassette, binder of Zzap! £430 software, Quickshot Two + joystick, two power packs, power cartridge, books, reference guide, worth £700 only £250 (ono). Phone paul after 6.30pm on 01-393 9741.

• **Atari** ST software Captain Blood £15, Gauntlet £10, Golden Path £8, Barbarian £10, Tracker £6, Ultima IV £10. Phone Rick on (0829) 70799 after 7pm. All software originals.

• **Amstrad** 6128 colour monitor, music machine, tape recorder, over £250 software, mags, great condition £350 ono. Phone Stu on Kinver 877112.

• **Atari** STFM 520, mouse, one meg drive (Cumana), joystick, very latest software. Both six months old, boxed £360 for both, postage included. Perfect condition. Phone 0202 696151 ask for Guy.

• **Spectrum** plus joystick and interface, good condition, over 70 games including Outrun, Renegade, Barbarian, magazines. Will sell for £100. Ring New Milton (0425) 616769 after 6pm, ask for Robert.

• **CBM64** datasette, 2 joysticks, mags + many games inc Airborne Ranger, Last Ninja, Apollo 18 and We Are The Champions. Will sell for £180. Tel: (Corby) 0536 744519. Quick sale!

• **Lynx** 96k with sexy grey powersupply and

absolutely no software whatsoever. Call 0225 447723 and ask for Mac.

• **CBM64** + disc drive + modem + printer + £250 games + around 80 games on disk + 2 joysticks, everything boxed. All for £280 ono. Phone 061 223 5114 between 6pm + 8pm for details, ask for Darren.

• **Spectrum** +, joystick, switchable interface, light pen, software, books and spare keyboard for sale. £65 or near offer. Phone Simon on (0784) 57195.

• **Amstrad CPC 464** colour monitor, over £100 worth of software + loads of magazines. Under 1 year old. Worth over £500. Bargain £230 ono. Phone Rick on (0494) 711885.

• **Atari 520STFM**, SM125 monitor, 2 disk drives, Fast Basic (rom), 100+ games, disk box, mouse mat + mags. Worth over £1500. Sell for £390. Phone Darren (0430) 440735, Newport, N Humberdale.

• **Amstrad DD-1** disk drive with interface + 25 games. £125 ono. Also speech synthesiser, light pen + 75 original tapes for Amstrad. Sell for £100 ono. Tel Nick 0302 (Doncaster) 530818.

• **128+2 Spectrum** vgc inc games, joysticks 100. Over 140 original games worth £1000 - £1500 ono. Both computer and games £200 ono. Phone Basingstoke (0256) 59836 after 6pm.

• **Atari 800xl**, excellent condition plus £70 worth of games, cass recorder, joystick and leads. Worth £170, sell for £100 ono. No reasonable prices rejected. Tel: (0879) 62916.

• **CBM64**, 1541 disc drive, two tape decks, joystick, £600 games, Action Replay, blank discs and cassettes. £350 ono. Phone Pembroke (0646) 682498 and ask for Damian.

• **Complete** 48K+ system, worth over £500. All you could possibly need for only £200. Call Ian on 0952 5846.

• **Spectrum Plus 3** (six months old) with two joysticks and £120 of software inc Gunship, Driller, Gauntlet and many more. Will sell for £200 ono. Phone Michael on Leeds 533947.

• **Sega** games system, five games including Afterburner with brand new Konix joystick. Worth £215, sell for £115 or swap for CBM64. Phone Leicester (0533) 671410.

• **CBM 128**, C2N datasette, loads of tape software £250 ono. 1541 disc drive, loads of disc software £150. Buy C128 and 1541 together only £325 ono. David 01-549 0360.

• **Commodore 64**, data cassette, disk drive, modem, music mkr, disks and manuals, only £250 ono. Must go! Phone mike on Leicester (0533) 606820.

• **Spectrum 128K** microdrive and interface, snapshot interface, joystick and interface, speech synth, tape deck, over £300 software, mags, books, £700 new, sell £180 ono. Tel Grant (0706) 38893 after 5pm.

• **CBM64**, 1541 disc drive, tape deck, joystick, backup board, loads of mags and software on disk and cassette, all in excellent condition. A real bargain £195. Phone 044282 4139 after 6pm.

• **CBM 64**, 1541 disc drive, data recorder, 5 blank discs £40 software music keyboard £20 magazines £220 ono. Tel (0754) 73400 between 5pm to 10pm.

• **Amstrad CPC6128** + colour monitor mint condition plus much top software games/wpr/strat/advent/inc Pawn, Guild, Leather Goddesses etc. New arrival forces reluctant sale £255 ono. Mark, Chobham (09905) 8234.

• **Atari ST** originals for sale: Soccer, Backlash, Star Wars, Test Drive and more. £7 each. Phone 03303 367.

• **ST** picture conversion, convert Degas, Neo to tiny, or vice-versa. 10 pics = 70p 20 pics = £1.10. Send disk and postal order to: ST Services, 244 Saltash Road, Keyham, Plymouth, PL2 2BB.

• **Amstrad CPC 464** mono monitor, TV modulator, over 150 pieces of software etc, together worth over £700. Bargain at £300 or swap for Atari 520STFM. Phone 061 724 0186.

• **Amstrad CPC464**, green monitor, joystick, software, magazines, excellent condition. £150. Won't split. Also have Commodore C2N datasette for sale at £20. Contact: M Baldwin, 104 Primrose Close, Bolton-on-Dearne, Rotherham SG3 8BX.

WANTED

• **Vectrex** cartridges wanted. Will pay very good prices. Please write to: J Withers, 27 Rogers Court, Swanley, Kent, BR8 8AA.

• **P.A.W.** wanted for Spectrum 48/128, will swap for three of: Crazy Cars, Gee Bee Air Rally, Outrun, Combat School, Bobsleigh, Head Over Heels. (0934) 813282). P.A.W. must load and contain documentation.

• **Datascassette** for a CBM64 wanted, please telephone Sheringham 824311 or write to Ben Farrow, 16 South St, Sheringham, Norfolk, NR26 8LL.

• **Swap** Spectrum 128 + 2 incl interface + over £300 of software for Commodore CBM64 and C2N + software (any type). Phone Andy 0787 313220 or works 0480 65289.

PENPALS

• **Wanted** C64 users from all over the world. Write to Alpha One, 100 Lancaster Gate, Flat No 11, London W2, England.

• **Amiga** penpals wanted. I have many hints, guaranteed reply. Steve, 51 Cecil Avenue, Barking, Essex.

• **Amiga 1000** owner seeks penpals from all over the world. Interested in graphics, adventure games, music, demos and arcade games. Write to Miss Julie, The Beechers, Creek Road, Currumbin Valley 4223, Australia.

• **Atari ST** owner wanted to swap hints and tips. 100% reply. Send to Simon Luff, 17 Fairways, Fullwood, Preston, Lancs. PR2 4FX. Tel: 0772 715365 between 7pm-10pm.

• **ST** owners wish to hear from other owners. Write to Alex, 17 Spurhill Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, BH14 9PB. All letters answered.

• **Atari ST** owner wants penpals any ages. All letters answered, write to M Gilmour, 49 Coniston Avenue, Little Hulton, Manchester M28 6NY. Tel: 061 799 9273 after 5pm.

• **Amiga** owner wants contact any country. Write to: Dennis, 16 Gilbert Street, Dover Heights 2030, Sydney, NSW Australia. Tel: (02) 371 9149.

• **Atari ST** contacts wanted to swap hints and tips etc. No beginners! Post in general direction of Neil, 32 Wilnecote Lane, Belgrave, Tamworth, Staffs, B77 2JA.

• **Amiga** contacts wanted. Write to: Ian Cummings, 15 Nelson Close, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham, SR8 4BY or tel (091) 5870885 after 6pm please. All letter answered.

• **Amiga** owner would like penpals from all over the world. If interested contact Jeff at 45 Westbury St, Laisterdyke, Bradford, BD4 8PB, England. All letters will get a reply guaranteed.

• **Atari ST** contacts wanted from all over the world. Reply guaranteed. Contact Matt Ellard, 'San Remo', Wuens Gardens, Bilston, West Midlands, WV14 6PZ, England. Tel: 0902 409203 between 4-10pm.

• **Amiga** contacts wanted. Write to Daz, 2 Park View, Arrow, Alcester, Warks, B49 5PN. All letters answered.

• **Atari ST** owners! Contacts wanted from all over the world. Guaranteed reply. If you are interested then please write to Daniel Tingle, 63 Gainsborough Road, Dronfield, Sheffield, S18 6QT.

• **Atari ST** penpals wanted from overseas especially. I have all the latest stuff. Contact Richard, 6 Shirley Drive, Bramley, Leeds, LS13 1ES. Tel: 0532 565134, must be fast. Guaranteed reply.

• **ST** contacts wanted, guaranteed reply. Write to Miguel Chambel, Rua Don Estefanea, 79-4 1100 Lisboa, Portugal.

• **Atari ST** contacts wanted to swap hints, tips etc. Only reliable owners please. Get writing mates (oo-er) promise every letter answered. Write to: 60 Minerva Close, Latchford, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 2XN.

• **Amiga** contacts wanted. Write to: PLK 040639C, 4370 Marl, West Germany.

• **Amiga**, Atari ST contacts wanted, guaranteed reply. Write to Ruud V/D Kruisweg, Zwaluwstraat 60, Sogly A6 Hattemerbroek, Holland or phone (05207) 2029.

• **Atari ST** contacts wanted any age welcome. Guaranteed reply. Alan, 26 Prescott Close, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 0RD. Fast and reliable contacts only! Especially overseas.

• **Amiga** contacts wanted to swap hints, tips and public domain software. Please send all letters to M P Moyse, 41 Kelvin Close, Ar-

borfield, Reading, Berks, RG2 9NT. All letters will be answered.

• **Atari ST** contacts wanted. All letters answered straight away. Write to: Lee, 12 Mortimer Road, Royston, Herts, SG8 7HS.

• **Amiga** contacts worldwide write to: Phil Durbidge, 23 Wollaton Road, Bradway, Sheffield, S17 4LD.

• **Amiga** contacts wanted around the world. Write to Mark, 34 Berwick Crescent, Sidcup, Kent, DA15 8HR, England. Interested in games and demos? Then get writing!

• **Atari ST** contacts wanted from all over the world. Bonvin F-X., Amandiers 5 CH 1950 Sion, Switzerland.

USER GROUPS

• **Irish** computer users group which support Atari, Commodore and Sinclair computers, hints and tips, newsletter, S/W library, maintenance + much more. Contact Jason on Dublin (01) 266326.

• **Adventure Probe!** The monthly fanzine for adventurers only. Two years old and still going strong! Send £1.25 for sample issue to: Adventure Probe, Dept X, 24 Maes Y Cwm, Llandudno, Gwynedd, LL30 1JE.

OTHER

• **Sharp M2-731** computer and data recorder + printer/plotter + mags, software, manual, costs more than £600. Still boxed. Swap for an Amiga. Phone (0628) 76861 after 7pm, if interested.

• **Atari ST** PD and any of your own software wanted for a small public domain library. Please send disks to C Smales, 2 Old Mill Close, Market Weighton, York, YO4 3DU. All disks returned.

• **Fighting Chance**, an amazing text adventure for the Spectrum. To order send a cheque/PO for £5.50 to: T Murray, 2 Marlow House, Hallfield Estate, London W2 6HJ.

• **Want** instructions on how to make automatic left/right joystick waggler? Using an autofire circuit from Cheetah 125 joystick plug + switch (optional) send SAE + £1 to N Bache, 7 Glebe Lane, Norton, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 3YH.

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• **Amstrad CPC** pools prediction/checking program. send £3 + stamp and tape in suitable package to: Pools Program, Treventon, Well Lane, St Kervene, Helston, Cornwall (sorry but tape only).

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• **Free** fanzine featuring articles and reviews for all popular formats as well as music, films, and roleplaying when you send 20p + SAE to Microgamer subs, Holly Tree House, Welby, Lincs.

• **Leisure** result Larry in the Land of the Lounge Lizzards solution, just send £1.00 inc p&p and your name and address to: Anthont Ferguson, 10 Craiglockhart Terrace, Edinburgh, EH14 1AJ.

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Stop reading this at once! You haven't filled in the questionnaire on page 100 yet, and that makes us Blitter End folks real angry. How are people supposed to produce a better mag (yes, even ACE can be improved upon) if you don't tell 'em what you want? Speak your mind! Demand a bigger Blitter End, with higher-paid staff and more perks! Insist on full colour for all those photos of software people making complete fools of themselves! You know it makes sense.

A MISTAKE? OKAY, OUR PUZZLE SUCKS - INITIALLY! (4)

Oh dear! Word-puzzle aficionados will have had a bit of trouble tackling the crossword on page 125 of the last issue. Is it the fiendish intellect of ACE clue compiler Mips overwhelming even the brainiest of our readers? Are all those games, art packages and music systems sapping your lexical skills perhaps? Well no, actually it's more a case of us printing the puzzle wrong. Quelle grande OOPS!

Fortunately only the down clues were affected, and only a few of them at that (as if that made things better). The catalogue of disasters reads as follows: the clue for 12 Down was left out; the 13 Down clue was labelled as being for 12 Down, even though it was the wrong length; and the clue for 15 Down was labelled as being the non-existent 16 Down. Clues 12-15 Down should have looked like this:

12. Game that appears obscene to a man (4,3)
13. Writing instructions for computer head doing translation (6)
14. At home *Diplomacy* is all there (6)
15. Where to shop for memory space (5)

Needless to say (a) we'll accept blanks for the offending answers on any prize claims, (b) we really are terribly sorry and (c) it won't happen again. Honest.

DARTH VS DOMARK

Dominic Wheatley and Mark Strachan, those two starlets of computer publicity shots better known as Domark, have come up with a little cracker to plug their forthcoming tie-in *The Empire Strikes Back*. The chief point of interest here is Darth Vader's oh-so-shiny headgear: observe how practical it is in wet weather compared to an umbrella (Darth still has both hands free for high-energy weapons) or nothing at all (a very poor way of dealing with rain indeed). What a sensible old Sith Lord that Darth is!



QUELLE SURPRISE!

Back in ACE Issue 9, we teamed up with Ere International and offered a couple of lucky readers the chance to spend a luxurious weekend in Paris. All you had to know was that section A was from *Phoenix*, section B was from *Captain Blood*, section C was from *Spidertronic* and section D was from *Get Dexter*.

The suitably-named A.Jaques from Manchester managed to get his name pulled from the sack first and will soon be jetting across the channel for a fun-packed weekend.

The 20 runners-up who also knew the answers each receive a copy of any game from the Ere range were:

Mark Jones, Manchester. Ian Gibbons, Blackpool. Kevin Rodgers, Rugby. Neil Seward, Bristol. An Dat Phung, Dunfermline. Mark Swettenham, Liverpool. R. Ballentine, Birmingham. Cliff Davis, Birmingham. Steve Elwell, Great Sutton. Stuart Ordish, Birmingham. Paula Jacks, Nottingham. Martin Dennett, Aberdare. George Townsend, Eastbourne. Mike Davies, Llandeilo. S. Jakeways, Wolverton. Peter O'Sullivan, Lymington. D. Howells, Witham. R. Carter, Boston. David Gollop, Garston. Wayne Nelson, Bristol.

The lucky, lucky people!

MORE ACE CARD WINNERS

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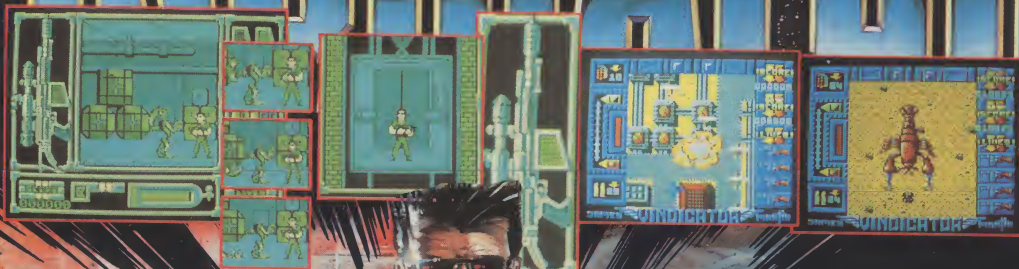


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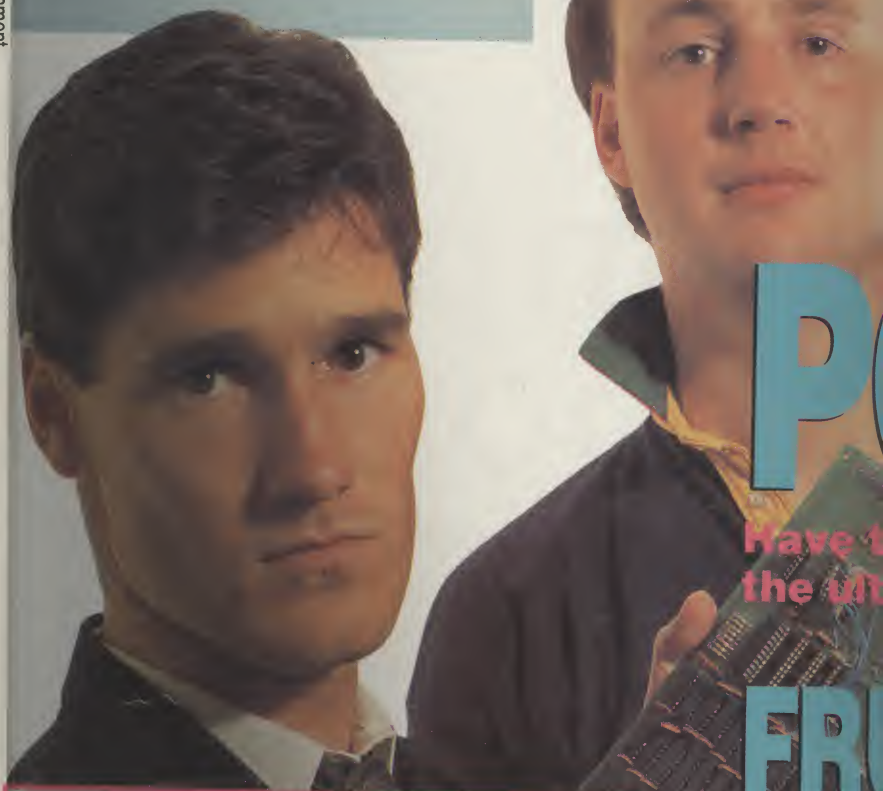
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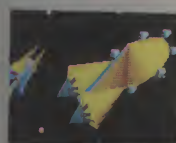
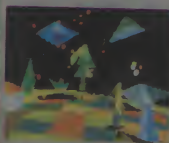
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